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D'URSO; AMMAN FOR ROCHE AND SY INTEL ADVANCE

1. THE AUGUST 5 JERUSALEM POST REPORTED THE FOLLOWING: ON
AUGUST 4, 1977, THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES (IDF) KILLED THREE
TERRORISTS AND CAPTURED TWO IN A CLASH NEAR THE
KIBBUTZ ASHDOT YAACOV (IHU). THE INCIDENT OCCURRED
AFTER IDF FORCES DISCOVERED A HOLE IN THE SECURITY
FENCE ALONG THE YARMUK RIVER NEAR ASHDOT YAACOV.
TERRORIST TRACKS LED TO AN ORCHARD GROVE ON THE
KIBBUTZ AND A SHARP, SHORT GUN BATTLE ENSUED WHEN IDF
FORCES ENTERED THE GROVE. ALL FIVE TERRORISTS
WERE YOUNG AND DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES. THEY
CARRIED WITH THEM A KALASHNIKOV ASSAULT RIFLE, 10
HANDGRENADES, FLASHLIGHTS, A HATCHET, FOOD AND MEDI-
CAL SUPPLIES. THE GROUP WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE CROSSED
THE BORDER NEAR THE JORDANIAN VILLAGE OF ADASIYA ON
THE BANKS OF THE YARMUK RIVER. ACCORDING TO ISRAELI
SECURITY, THE NATURE OF THE TERRORISTS EQUIPMENT
SEEMED TO SUGGEST THAT THE GROUP WAS PLANNING TO
ATTACK A TARGET IN THE JORDAN VALLEY. THE TWO
UNINJURED TERRORISTS ARE CURRENTLY INCARCERATED AND
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UNDERGOING INTERROGATION. ASHDOT YAACOV AND ADASIYA
ARE APPROXIMATELY 3.5 MILES SOUTH OF THE SOUTHER-MOST
TIP OF THE SEA OF GALILEE.

2. THE AUGUST 4 JERUSALEM POST REPORTED THE FOLLOWING: ON
AUGUST 2, 1977, ISRAELI INTERIOR MINISTER YOSEF BURG
TOLD THE KNESSET THAT THE RECENT TERRORIST ACTIONS IN

ISRAEL WERE INTENDED TO SERVE NOTICE, AS THE RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA TALKS APPROACH, THAT TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS ARE "ALIVE AND KICKING". BURG SAID THAT THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE POLICE AND THE OTHER SECURITY BRANCHES HAD SUCCEEDED IN BRINGING THE NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL TERRORIST STRIKES DOWN TO BELOW THAT OF THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

3. DURING A SECURITY CHECK OF THE KING DAVID HOTEL IN JERUSALEM, HOTEL SECURITY ADVISED THEY HAD MADE CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR ANY DEMONSTRATIONS THAT MIGHT OCCUR AGAINST VANCE. WHEN ASKED WHO MIGHT DEMONSTRATE, HOTEL SECURITY MENTIONED RAKAH, THE ISRAELI COMMUNIST PARTY, BUT COULD PROVIDE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEMONSTRATION. CHECKS WITH ISRAELI SECURITY AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL FAILED TO REVEAL ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.
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